

IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR.LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR.WILY, MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

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When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!



With the help of his powerful Mega-Buster and Copy-Chip, Mega Man has not only defeated Dr.



Wily's ambitions on more than one occasion, but has also turned would-be villains into a team of heroes under the flag of Light Labs. These heroic Robot Masters have since thwarted many villainous attempts to harm innocent people, including a tense hostage situation at the annual Advanced Robotics Trade Show by the terrorist

organization called the "Emerald Spears." The Spears' newest leader, Xander Payne, sought to wipe out the entire advanced robotics community, robot and creator alike. Xander was defeated, but escaped along with his two closest operatives – Theo and Simone. They have not been heard from since.

Mega Man saved the future of technology on that day, turning him and his friends into instant celebrities!

## But not everyone is lining up for an autograph...









## XANDER'S OPERATIVES

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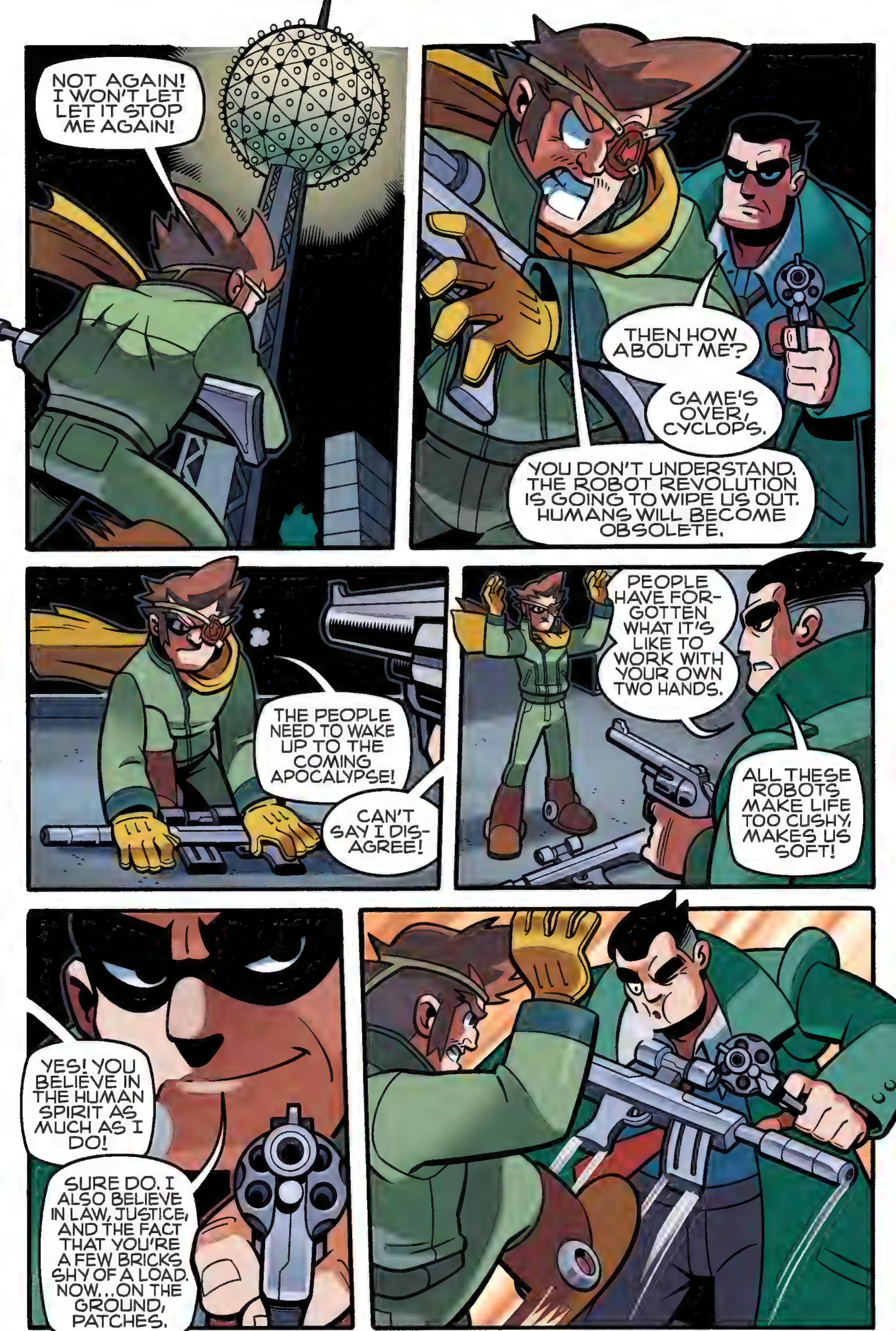


























## THRILLS! CHILLS! SPILLS! AND MATCH-MAKING? IT'S AN ARCTIC ADVENTURE IN "COLD CRUSH!"





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## HAPPY MEGA-NEW YEAR!

As 2012 wraps up, we thought we would take a moment to thank everyone out there for all the support we've gotten on the Mega Man comics now for 21



issues! 2012 brought us the Emerald Spears, the introduction of the Lanfront Ruins and Ra Moon, and the origin/return of Blues, aka Proto Man – to name but a few highlights! And if you thought 2012 was intense + 2013 is gonna knock those robot-socks right offa' 'ya!

This year we celebrate 25 years of the Mega Man franchise, and we're doing it with



TONS of awesome action and a few franchise-firsts! The biggest of which is, of course, the Sonic/Mega Man crossover, coming this spring, where the blue blur will meet the blue bomber for the first time ANYWHERE!

COVER BY ALICE MEICHI LI IS AVAILABLE NOW AT A COMIC SHOP NEAR YOU!

CHECK OUT THESE AWESOME CONCEPT COVER SKETCHES FOR THIS ISSUE BY CHAD THOMAS! We've also got a cool fan art contest in conjunction with our good friends at Capcom Unity, where you can submit your Mega Man art for a



chance to win cool prizes! So keep it here for another year of mega-awesomeness, and make sure you tell a friend **Catch ya** to jump on the series too! **Catch ya** 



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is cool!)

Dear Mega-Mail, Hey, just sending out a mail telling you guys how much I've been loving the new Mega Man series. I was 3 when the first game came out in '87 and I never imagined that I'd still be such a fan of the Blue Bomber over 20 years later. Wanted to tell you guys that, so far, you're doing an outstanding job.

the care you've taken with this new series, and you can count on me to be the first in line every month to get the new issue or Trade Paperback.

-Phil H. sent to megaman@ archiecomics.com

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We've got quite a ways to go before then, but if you can't wait to see Splash Woman, you can check her out in Mega Man issues 19 & 20. Both are available now on the Mega Man comics app! plugplugplug

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## Thank you kindly!

I'm constantly surprised at all the small nods to the series, I mean you even put in the Magnet Beam, I never expected that. And to bring in Time Man and Oil Man from the sadly under-appreciated Mega Man Powered Up? That's just the icing on the cake, you guys are certainly doing a great job referencing various parts of the game series!

We will keep on peppering those references throughout the series! Keep an eye

## Much appreciated, Phil! Keep on rockin'!

### Dear Mega-Mail,

I'm a die hard Mega Man fan. I've always loved the series since I was very young. When I found out Archie Comics was making a new Mega Man comic series I instantly had to go out and buy it.

## Did you use Dr. Light's teleporting beam? That thing is fast!

Please keep making this series. It brings back a lot of memories and lets me see one of my old heroes in action once again!

> Get equipped: -Nathan E. sent to megaman@

## Dear Mega-Mail,

This series truly is a love letter to mega-fans everywhere. I've been following you from the first issue. Adapting the video games to comic form cannot have been an easy task, but the great Ian Flynn has managed to do so with utmost style, and the team of Spaziante and Bates (not to mention) newcomer Jonathan Hill!) have done a superb job of reimagining the saga for both my generation and the new.

## out for Easter eggs in upcoming issues!

Now, if you guys find a way to sneak in the oldschool GameBoy Mega Man bosses like Enker and Punk, I might have to just hand you my wallet to keep.

What a coincidence! Mega Man issue 20 ( available now on the Mega Man comics app plugplugplug ) had both of those bosses! Now about that wallet...

Honestly, I haven't nerded out this hard for a long time and I want you guys at Archie Comics to know how much I appreciate

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Will do! Be sure to spread the word of Mega Man comics around. He's a classic character that deserves to be enjoyed by generations!

### Dear Mega-Mail,

I love the Mega Man comics so much! I only started playing Mega Man a month before you guys made the comics, and I was so happy! The only Mega Man games I have are Mega Man 3, 2 and 10. I really hope you guys get all the way to Mega Man 9 in your comics. (Splash Woman

### We're glad to have some of the most talented people around contributing to this series!

Of course, I couldn't possibly finish this letter without adding my name to the list of readers hopeful for a certain series in the future. I've appreciated the tiny nods you've given to that end, and I can't help but hope it leads to something.

Keep up the good work! Jimmie M. sent to megaman@ archiecomics.com

## Thanks, Jimmie!

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See y'all next time!

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